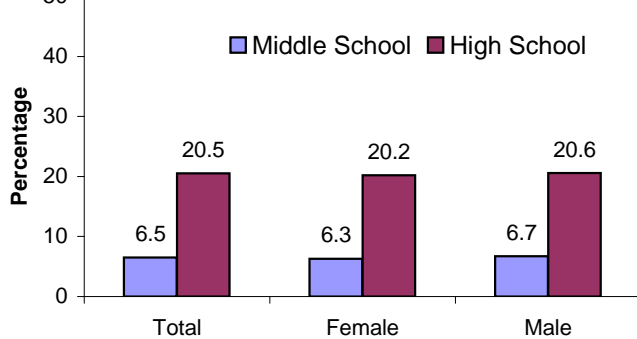


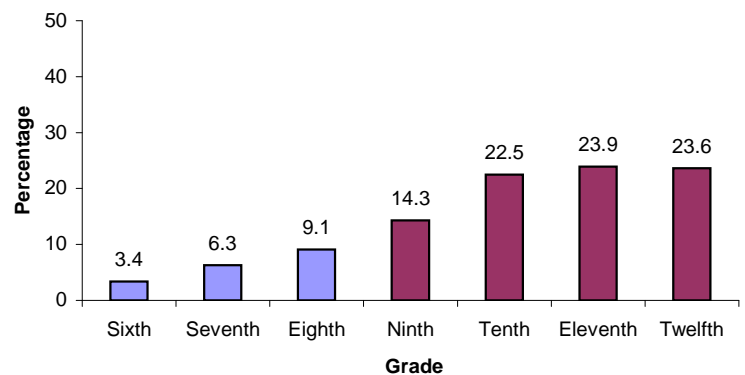
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Prescription Drug Abuse: 2009 N.C. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

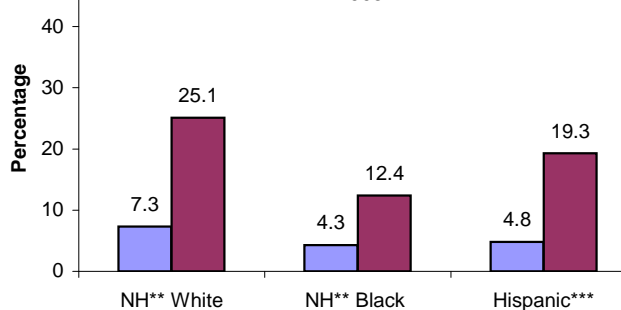
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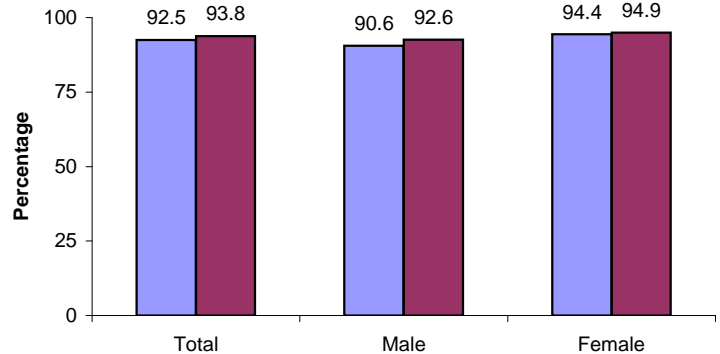
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Weighted to provide estimates representative of the public high school student population; students who have reported having taken a prescription drug such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life. Specific data on 95 percent confidence intervals is at the N.C. YRBS website: www.nchealthyschools.org/data/yrbs.

* Middle School data was unweighted for 2009. ** NH = Non-Hispanic.

*** Caution when interpreting. Results based on small sample size.

The N.C. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (N.C. YRBS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of injury-related problems and measuring progress toward overall goals among public school students. N.C. YRBS is a comprehensive statewide sample of 3,400 middle and 5,700 high school students from across the state. Every other spring in odd years, a core set of injury-related questions are asked along with other health and risk-factor questions. Risk-factor variables include information such as academic achievement, seat belt use and physical assault. The sampling scheme is intended to generate a statewide representative sample of weighted data. Increasing school district participation and data utilization are two keys for future success. See the N.C. Healthy Schools website for more information: www.nchealthyschools.org.